Stem Cell Research BQC Staff Ballot Wording Recommendation August 19, 2008

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO PERMIT HUMAN EMBRYO AND HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH IN MICHIGAN

The proposed constitutional amendment would

- Allow use of human embryos for any research permitted under federal law if the embryos:
 - -- are created for fertility treatment purposes;
 - -- are not suitable for implantation or are in excess of clinical needs;
 - -- would be discarded unless used for research; and
 - -- were donated by the person seeking fertility treatment.
- Provide that stem cells cannot be taken from human embryos more than 14 days after cell division begins.
- Prohibit any person from selling or purchasing human embryos for stem cell research, therapies or cures.
- Prohibit state laws that prevent, restrict or discourage stem cell research, therapies or cures.

Should this proposal be adopted?		
	Yes	
	No	

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